COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 10th 1884

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present—Mayor Hyman, Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewett, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven, Beecher and A. S Abbott, clerk. Minutes of last session read and adopted.

A QUERY.

Ald. Hunt asked if the City Clerk had received any reply from the G T. R. authorities regarding protection of crossings.

The Clerk—I have not.

COMMUNICATIONS.

G. Park—Asking use of City Hall for Thursday evening, Feb 28 to give sparring exhibition. Granted on payment of charges.

Rev. M. J. Tiernan—Asking free use of City Hall for evening of Feb. 25 for entertainment in aid of St. Mary's Church organ fund. Granted.

Mr. Brunton, secretary, on behalf of the Forest City Bicycle Club—Asking use of the Fair Grounds on May 24, with power to close the gates and charge admission. No. 2 with power.

Margaret Donnelly—Application for remission of taxes. No. 1

Leonard Ardiel—Complaint that he is being improperly charged with arrears of taxes. No. 1.

Pratt & Tracy—Soliciting subscriptions for "The Municipal Councillors' Hand Book" No. 1.

Jane Insell and Jane Loyd—Petition for tax remission for 1883. No. 1.

A. Isaac, clerk of London East—Asking the City Council to appoint a committee to meet a deputation from London East re water. No. 3, at first meeting.

Mrs. Cumberlidge—Asking tax remission. No. 1.

Robert Logan and others—Petition for a sewer on Grey street between Wellington and Colborne. No. 2.

F C Beasley, city clerk, Hamilton—Copy of resolution praying the Legislature to so amend the law that the chairmen of finance and police committees be added to the Board of Police Commissioners. No 2.

P. C. Blaikner and P. S. Ross—Asking if the Council purposed taking advertising space in Ross' illustrated work No. 1

ACCOUNTS.

Frank Peters, for giving evidence at Kensington bridge arbitration, $8 ; J. Fiddies, election expenses, $15 ; A. O. Graydon, attendance at Kensington bridge arbitration, $4 No. 1.

A PETITION

was read to the Local Legislature asking certain powers on behalf of the corporation to invest the sinking fund.

Ald Becher and Niven—Motion that the petition be signed and forwarded.

The motion was then carried, all but Ald. Scarrow voting yea.

NUMBER THREE REPORT

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. That the steam fire engine, Forest City, be sold to the town of Millbrook for $1,200, they agreeing to take her in present condition.

2. That the rules and regulations attached, governing the hospital, be adopted, and that a bylaw be passed confirming the same and appointing the following medical gentlemen consultants: V. A. Brown, M.D.; James Cattermole, M D ; J. M. Fraser, M.D.; Charles G. Moore, M.D.; Woodruff, M.D., and also that the following constitute the voluntary visiting staff: Drs. Edwards, McArthur, Wishart, Arnott, Waugh and McGuigan.

3. That 100 copies of the attached rules be printed.

The report was adopted, a motion to consider clause by clause being voted down.

THE HOSPITAL.

A bylaw was read confirming rules and regulations for the hospital and appointing consulting and visiting staffs.

Read the first time and second reading moved.

Ald Scarrow and Skinner—An amendment that the voluntary visiting staff be increased from six members to twelve.

Amendment lost on a vote of 10 to 2, and second and third readings of the bylaw passed.

THE MARKET SCALES.

A bylaw was brought in to confirm the agreement between the corporation and Alex. McIntosh, who has purchased the weigh scales for the year ending Jan. 31, 1885, at $465. Passed.

NUMBER TWO REPORT.

By Ald. Hewett, chairman.

1 Payment of the following accounts:

Pay sheet to Jan. 31	$126 30
Pay sheet to Feb. 8	32 75
A. D. Cameron & Co.	741 86
Telegraph Company (time ball service)	13 50
John Bryan	18 00
Screaton & Gibson, on sewers	800 00
Ferguson Bros, lumber	10 49
Total	$1,092 90

2 That persons borrowing seats from City Hall shall deposit with the treasurer $5 or upwards, according to the number of seats required, to cover expenses of breakages and repairs.

3 The acceptance of Rogers & Cathro's tender for the sewer on Queen's avenue between Wellington and Picton streets at $227 ; gully holes $19.

Taken up clause by clause.

In passing the first clause the Council instructed the Chairman of No. 2 Committee to investigate and report regarding the time ball.

REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman.

1. Payment of the following accounts:

Hospital for January—

Samuel Cooper	$ 66 50
John Ronahan	45 00
W J. Reid & Co.	24 70
E. A. Taylor	9 75
Tytler & Bullen	300 44

C. McCallum	71 20
W. Y. Brunton & Son	88 05
Geo. Riddle	4 50
Jas. Perkins	167 98
M. Baldwin	11 00
A. D. Cameron	162 85
Luney & Parsons	48 25
Pay sheet	112 75
Fire Department—	
James Percival	$45 85
A. D. Cameron	57 94
Relief—	
Geo. McNeill	$4 6 14
Tytler & Bullen	76 00
Railway passes	49 80
Advertising, printing, etc.—	
THE ADVERTISER	$183 84
Jas. I. Anderson	4 10
Ontario Gazette	3 00
E. A. Taylor	50 53
W. W Butcher	32 00
From Number Two Committee—	
Pay sheet to Jan. 31	$126 30
Pay sheet to Feb. 7	82 75
Ferguson Bros	10 40
Screaton & Gibson	600 00
John Bryan	18 00
E Rogers & Co	6 29
A. D. Cameron	241 86
Telegraph service	13 50
Deputation to Toronto	20 00
Total	$3,039 96

2. Petition of M. J. Kent, claim for interest, filed.

3. Petition of Southam & Brierley for increase on contract for heating city registry office not entertained

4. That the taxes of 1882, assessed against the property of Paul Phipps at the request of the owner, be charged against the real estate

5. Petitions of E. LeRuey for rebate of taxes, claiming over assessment, and that of Ed Yellard for rebate on amount of vacant house, be filed, committee having no jurisdiction

6. Petition of W. Percey for tax remission. Granted.

7 Petition of Mrs Packham re arrears and remission of taxes for 1883, be granted, by allowing a rebate of $4 25 on 1883 taxes.

8. Account of Wm Neil, $2 50, for cleaning and lighting school, be not entertained, but be referred to the deputy returning-officer of the third division, 7th Ward, for settlement.

9. Report funds for building Queen's avenue sewer, as per No. 2 Committee's report, clause 3.

10. Report funds ($120) for medical apparatus at city hospital.

11. That $10 be appropriated as the city's proportion of expenses incurred in connection with the recent conference re Municipal Assessment Act changes

12 Progress re petitions Secretary Newsboys' Home, Timothy Hanafin, Alex Harvey and C. J. Anderson.

13 Progress re the communications of the Water Commissioners and W. W Fitzgerald, the latter on half of Huron & Middlesex Insurance Company.

14. Police Court Clerk's report for January.

15. Bylaw to transfer statute labor and dog tax roll from W. Bell to the tax collector.

16. Bylaw for appointing three trustees for the board of management of the Free Library.

Clauses up to 15 passed. The bylaw appointing J. K Clare and D. Lester collectors of statute labor and dog tax, in place of Wm. Bell, was read and passed. Clause 16 passed

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The bylaw appointing three trustees for the Board of Management, Free Public Library, was read. Nominations for the three-year term were made, as follows: Talbot Macbeth, J. W. Little, Dr. Brown, A O Jeffrey W Y. Brunton and John Marshall. Dr. Brown was elected on the sixth vote.

wo-year term nominations: John W. Little, Talbot Macbeth. W Y. Brunton, A. O. Jeffrey, John Marshall, M. W. Manville and E A. Taylor. Mr. Brunton was elected on the seventh vote.

One year term nominations: M W. Manville, Talbot Macbeth, A. O. Jeffrey, J. W Little and John Marshall. Mr. Macbeth was elected on the fourth vote.

The bylaw was read with the names inserted and passed.

PROTECTING CROSSINGS.

Ald Hewitt moved and Ald. O'Meara seconded, and it was carried,

That a committee consisting of the Mayor, Ald. Birrell, Beattie and Hewitt be appointed for the purpose of conferring with the authorities for the building or constructing of a convenient number of underground or overhead bridges over the railroad, so as to prevent the great inconvenience and annoyance to the residents of the southern portion of the city on account of the crossings being blocked, as at present.

Adjourned for three weeks.